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Rules for Occupational
Safety and Health Standards for
Employment in the Public Sector

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Board of Occupational Safety and Health

Chapter 2 Occupational Safety and Health
Standards for General Employment
in the Public Sector

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Summary: The purpose of this Chapter is to incorporate by reference rules governing occupational safety and health in general employment as promulgated by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration at 29 CFR 1910 as most recently amended on July 1, 1985. In addition to making nationally recognized OSHA standards applicable to public sector workplaces in Maine these rules also establish a general duty requirement for public sector employers.

1. Incorporation by Reference

The state Board of Occupational Safety and Health adopts the General Standards for Occupational Safety and Health as promulgated by the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration as Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1910, revised as of July 1, 1985.

2. General Duty of Employers

Each employer as defined at 26 MRSA Section 563, subsection 7 (1974 & Supp. 1986), shall furnish all employees with a place of employment which is free from hazards that are likely to cause injuries, illnesses or accidents.

BASIS STATEMENT:

The state Board of Occupational Safety and Health is charged with the responsibility of adopting rules to ensure safety and healthful working conditions for public sector employees. The law mandates that Board rules conform to nationally recognized standards as far as practicable and, to accomplish this purpose, rules promulgated by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration are adopted by reference.

AUTHORITY: 26 MRSA, Section 565 (1974 & Supp. 1986)

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Chapter 3 Occupational Safety and Health
Standards for Construction
Employment in the Public Sector

Summary: The purpose of this Chapter is to incorporate by reference rules governing occupational safety and health in construction employment as promulgated by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration at 29 CFR 1926/1910 as most recently amended in Reprint 1986. In addition to making nationally recognized OSHA standards applicable to public sector workplaces in Maine these rules also establish a general duty requirement for public sector employment.

1. Incorporation by Reference

The state Board of Occupational Safety and Health adopts the Construction Standards for Occupational Safety and Health as promulgated by the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration as Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations, 1926/1910, revised in Reprint 1986.

2. General Duty of Employers

Each employer as defined at 26 MRSA, Section 563, subsection 7 (1974 & Supp. 1986), shall furnish all employees with a place of employment which is free from hazards that are likely to cause injuries, illnesses or accidents.

BASIS STATEMENT:

The state Board of Occupational Safety and Health is charged with the responsibility of adopting rules to ensure safe and healthful working conditions for public sector employees. The law mandates that Board rules conform to nationally recognized standards as far as practicable and, to accomplish this purpose, rules promulgated by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration are adopted by reference.

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